

•THE WRITINGS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON,
 CONSISTING OF HIS PRINCIPAL STATE
 PAPERS,
 AND EXTRACTS FROM HIS OFFICIAL AND
 PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

EXPLANATION OF REFERENCES :

F—Ford's Writings of Jefferson.

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ACADEMY, A NATIONAL.—I have often wished we could have a philosophical society or academy so organized as that while the central academy should be at the seat of government, its members dispersed over the State should constitute filiated academies each State, and publish their communications, from which the central academy should select what should be most choice. In is way all the members wheresoever dispersed might be brought into action, and an useful emulation might arise between the filiated societies. Perhaps the great societies now dsting might incorporate themselves in this way with the ational one. (To Joel Barlow, 1805, F. VIII, 425.) ADAMS, JOHN.—His [John Adams'] vanity is a lineament in s character which has entirely escaped me. His want of taste had observed. Notwithstanding all this, he has a sound head i substantial points, and I think he has integrity. I am glad, erefore, he is of the commission for negotiating peace and :pect he will be useful in it. His dislike of all parties, and 1 men, by balancing his prejudices, may give them some fair ay to his reason as would a general benevolence of temper. t any rate honesty may be extracted from poisonous weeds. Po James Madison, 1783. F. III., 310.) ADAMS, JOHN.—I am afraid the indiscretion of a printer has mmitted me with my friend Mr. Adams, for whom as one of e most honest and disinterested men alive I have a cordial teem, increased by long habits of concurrence in opinion in